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## British Capital, Despite Chaos, Floods Mexico

**Syndicates Make Large Investments in Regions Where Other Foreigners Fear to Take a Chance**

**Carranza Favors English**

**London's Purse Strings Loosen Following Aguilar's Trip to Europe**

By Wilbur Forrest

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 16.—Rushing in where other foreigners' money almost fears to tread at present, British capital is flowing into Mexico to-day. Large investments, despite the unsettled condition of affairs in President Carranza's country, have been made by British syndicates and companies during the last few weeks. Among other properties, several large mines in the rich state of Jalisco have passed into British control, even though rebel activities in the vicinity have precluded proper prospecting and examination.

The present Mexican flirtation with England just now is very noticeable in Mexico City, even though Great Britain has so far failed to recognize the Carranza government as such. British army officers who have been sojourning in Mexico, though not in an official capacity, have been recipients of official courtesies which only Latins know how to bestow.

**European Envoy Watched**

Foreign financial circles in the Mexican capital are commenting on the recent extended visit to Europe of Carranza, and on the eve of his return, the dispatch by the government of Rafael Nieto, Secretary of Finance, who is expected to consummate a loan by British financial interests to the Carranza government. Aguilar is reported to have laid the groundwork for this loan, guaranteed by Mexican concessions. That Aguilar's mission has borne some fruit is evidenced by a loosening of the British purse strings with regard to Mexican investments.

The Eagle Oil Company, one of the largest in the country and the only British-owned company in Mexico, is rapidly extending its business all over Mexico, in defiance of the possibilities of another revolution made possible in connection with the national elections next June.

There is official Mexican talk of turning the "Queen's Own," the British-owned railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, back to the owners. The street railways of Monterey have already been turned back to their British-Canadian owners, while the street railways and interurban system at Puebla, second largest city in Mexico, is in full charge of Americans, who manage it for the British owners.

**Flirting With England**

That Carranza is carrying on strenuous flirtations with the British lion is without doubt, and no American in Mexico resents the British angle of this new situation. "If the British can

## German Army Officers Join Carranzistas

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men. They were Maderistas. They demanded our firearms. One gun was in my room, and mother awakened me. I delivered the gun, and then the spokesman told me he had been informed we had considerable money in the house and must give it up. My mother and I protested that we had no more money except that which the band already had taken in robbing the house.

My sisters were awakened, and suddenly the leader said, "Take these three girls out and shoot them." I was first stood up against the patio wall and two men raised their rifles. The leader again demanded the money. I told him there was no cash, and the rifles were lowered. He then borrowed a knife from a soldier and, flourishing the weapon before me, declared he intended to cut my throat. I again told him there was no cash, and he decided this time to cut off my fingers and toes. He did cut my foot some, but not much. Then they let us go.

**Leader Never Punished**

"In the meantime my brother, unable to help us because of his infirmity, was being guarded by another man upstairs. As the guard left he attempted to fire on my brother, but the cartridge failed to explode.

"Later some men were arrested, and I identified one as the leader, but he never was punished.

Miss Whalley's testimony was introduced by the committee as typical of treatment of Americans in Mexico for the last nine years—treatment more than tolerated by the United States government.

During the last few days witnesses have told revolting stories of murder, robbery, outrage and utter ruin of more than 1,000 American families who went to Mexico as pioneers to establish homes. San Antonio is filled with these families, who, driven out of Mexico, leaving everything they had there, were forced to come here and work. They are the "small fry" now having their first inning before the Senate Committee. Their stories are considered equally important by the committee as those told previously of men of greater wealth and interests. All of these "small fry" have friends or relatives who remain in Mexico to-day—dead.

**Family Driven From Mexico**

J. D. Schultz, another San Antonio refugee, testified how he and his wife were driven from their ranch in the State of San Luis Potosi because they lacked more money to pay bandits for protection. His testimony elicited the information that Carranza troops abounded in the district, but refused to protect Americans.

W. W. Miller, the next witness, told of the crash of the San Francisco corporation, an American land and ranch company. It was a \$200,000 investment, and everything was lost except the land, he declared. Miller testified he was urged to invest personally by President Porfirio Diaz in 1907. The property was located about 250 miles southwest of Vera Cruz.

"Everything went fine until 1911," the witness said, "and on December 15, 1911, I wrote a personal letter to President Taft asking protection for our lives and property. Our cattle were being run off by hundreds and we were subjected to all kinds of robberies."

"Did you get protection?" asked

Senator Fall.

"No. I received only a note of acknowledgment from Secretary H. B. Liss, and that is the last I ever heard of it."

**No Protection From Wilson**

"We have had no protection from President Wilson, and our holdings will be of no value in Mexico until the United States takes some action."

Miller's personal losses were more than \$70,000—all the money he had, he said.

D. B. Bollinger, another witness, told of the crash of a colony of about 300 American families in the State of Chihuahua, near Tonalá, south of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, on the Pan American Railway. He was robbed of everything he owned, and his family of seven children fled to the United States, the witness said. Bollinger remained until his assailants crippled him for life with large knives.

C. W. Eucal, formerly of Indiana, testified he lived in Mexico, from 1891 to 1916 and was a partner in two well stocked ranches—one of more than 80,000 acres, near Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua, and another of 253,000 acres, near San Pedro. Both ranches were looted and ruined, he testified.

Enders said he lived for nine years in the city of Torreon, and witnessed the massacre by Madero troops, under Emilio Madero, brother of Mexico's president, of 303 Chinese almost half of the entire Chinese colony, which was engaged in gardening, restaurant and laundry occupations.

Troops under General Obregon, now a candidate for President of Mexico, raided and wrecked an American ranch in southern Sonora, near Metzenhuth, of Pennsylvania, testified.

He added that his fourteen-year-old sister had suffered complete lapse of memory for the last three years from her terrible experiences.

Various witnesses testified to deaths of relatives and abductions for ransom in Mexico. Senator Fall called E. R. McCormick, of San Antonio, to ascertain what happened to him as ranch owner and manager in Mexico from 1882 until 1911, when the revolution began in Mexico. McCormick testified that everything was serene under Diaz, but when Madero started his revolt trouble began. McCormick's son succeeded him as manager of the Palomas ranch of 2,000,000 acres and 28,000 cattle across the border from New Mexico. Young McCormick was held for ransom three times, and it cost the ranch company about \$13,000 in gold to get him back. The son was succeeded by a manager named Kingsbury. When Kingsbury was killed, Arthur McKinny became manager. McKinny also was killed.

**\$15,680,000 Asked To Buy Army Planes**

**House Measure Designed to Raise Standards of the Aviation Service**

New York Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A bill carrying about \$15,680,000 for the purchase of all kinds of airplanes for the army was introduced in the House to-day by Chairman Kahn of the Military Committee. The bill has the approval of the War Department and has for its purpose fostering of the airplane industry, as well as keeping army aviation at a higher standard than it has taken since the armistice.

Under the proposed measure the Secretary of War would be authorized to make direct negotiations with manufacturers without advertising for bids and permits, allocating the work so as to keep the industry going. Of the total carried about \$5,625,000 would be

for bombing planes, \$815,000 for observation planes, \$212,500 for two-seater biplanes, \$2,587,000 for pursuit planes and \$1,575,000 for an advanced type of training planes. Almost \$5,000,000 would be used for the purchase of airplane motors.

**Wins \$100,000 Verdict For False Arrest Here**

**Toronto Mining Engineer, Indicted as Keough, Recovers Against Starr**

Alexander P. Macauley, a mining engineer of Toronto, Ont., recovered a \$100,000 verdict in the Supreme Court yesterday in his suit against Theodore B. Starr, Fifth Avenue jeweler, for false arrest and indictment. The verdict is perhaps the largest that has been rendered in this county in a suit of that character. Macauley has two similar suits pending against New York firms, each for \$500,000, based on the same ground—that the defendants caused his indictment in this city on the mistaken identification of the Toronto man for "Christmas" Keough, alias Newman, a notorious swindler, now serving a term in the Joliet (Ill.) prison.

Macauley was arrested in 1917 in St. Louis after the elusive Keough had passed many worthless checks and money orders on merchants in New York and other cities. He was brought here, and employees of the defendant firm, it was alleged, identified him as the man they had waited on and from whom they received the checks. Although there was said to be resemblance between Macauley and Keough, the mining engineer was able to bring witnesses to prove his good character and to prove that he was in St. Louis at the time Keough was operating in New York. Macauley was honorably acquitted by the court.

In his suit against Theodore B. Starr Macauley said he was compelled to expend \$50,000 in legal fees and in bringing witnesses here from other cities to prove his innocence.

**Mayor to Greet De Valera**

**"President of Irish Republic" Formally Welcomed at City Hall To-day**

Mayor Hylan will greet Eamon de Valera in City Hall to-day at noon and will grant him the freedom of the city. The ceremonies there will be preceded by an automobile parade under police escort. The 69th Regiment Band and veterans of the same regiment will await the coming of De Valera at the City Hall. A band of Irish pipers also will appear in the line-up. The parade and the speechmaking that will follow will mark the opening of the drive for the sale of a \$10,000,000 bond issue to be floated in this country by the "Irish Republic."

Among some of those who will be in the parade are Bourke Cockran, Justices Cohalan, Gavegan and Hendrick, of the Supreme Court; former Justice John W. Goff and County Clerk Robert L. Moran, of the Bronx.

De Valera Day will be celebrated at the Irish fête of the Cork Men's Association in the new Yorkville Casino to-night. The committee in charge has extended an invitation to the "President of the Irish Republic" and indications are that he will be present to deliver a speech on the opening of the drive for the bonds.

**Influenza Gains in Chicago**

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Five hundred and twenty-five new cases of influenza with seven deaths were reported as developments of the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. to-day. The number is nearly twice that reported yesterday when 280 new cases were reported.

Ninety-three new pneumonia cases, with twelve deaths, were reported.

**McAdoo "Shakes Up" Court**

Chief Magistrate McAdoo issued an order yesterday transferring virtually the entire clerical personnel of the

Jefferson Market court. There have been many complaints recently regarding the conduct of the clerks, captains and attendants. It was said, and it was explained that the chief magistrates acted to remedy the situation. The complaints, it was explained, had come in most instances from lawyers.

**Jenkins's Kidnaper Caught**

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—Caciano Mendez, said to be one of the rebel band commanded by Federico Cordoba which abducted W. O. Jenkins, United States consular agent at Puebla, last October, was arrested yesterday at Puebla, according to advices reaching this city. He is being held in the penitentiary there.

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